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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/694,811	Applicant(s) UEMURA, TOSHIYA	
	Examiner Jerome Jackson Jr.	Art Unit 2815	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6-22 and 24-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6,7,9,12-17,19,21,22 and 24-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8,10,11,18 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1,2,6,7,9,12-17,19,21,22,24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Tadamoto JJAP, of record.

Upon further reconsideration of the cited art, Tadamoto, cited by applicant, appears to be more relevant than the previously applied art, Hata or Dawson.

Sapphire is corundum which is aluminum oxide. It is crystalline and extremely hard. Nevertheless, chemically it is still Al_2O_3 , aluminum oxide. Tadamoto shows a substrate of sapphire with "convex " projections of sapphire upon which is grown a GaN based light emitting structure. Accordingly Tadamoto shows "convex" light trapping members of sapphire over the surface of a transparent substrate of sapphire. The

process of forming the “convex” aluminum oxide members over the aluminum oxide substrate of Tadamoto or applicant does not structurally differentiate the final products. It has been well established that patentability of a product by process claim is determined by the final product, regardless of how actually made, In re Hirao 190 USPQ 15 at 17 (footnote 3). See also In re Brown 173 USPQ 685; In re Luck 177 USPQ 523; In re Fessman 180 USPQ 324; In re Avery 186 USPQ 161; In re Wertheim 191 USPQ 90; and In re Morosi 218 USPQ 289, all of which make it clear that it is patentability of the final product per se which must be determined in a “product by process” claim, and not the patentability of the process, and that an old or obvious product produced by a new method is not patentable as a product, whether claimed in “product by process” claims or not. Note that applicant has the burden of proof in such cases, as the above caselaw makes clear.

Claim 1 is anticipated by Tadamoto considering the “convex” members of aluminum oxide are disposed on the substrate of aluminum oxide and a GaN based light emitter is formed on the substrate and convex members.

Claim 2 is rejected as the “convex” “light trapping” member of Tadamoto is aluminum oxide or equivalently “sapphire”.

Claim 6 is rejected as above.

Claim 7 is rejected as above particularly considering the product-by-process caselaw.

Claim 9 is rejected as Tadamoto shows the “uneven pattern” across the entire substrate.

Claims 12 and 13 are rejected as the functional language does not structurally distinguish the claims over Tadamoto which functions in the same manner.

Claim 14 is rejected in view of the product-by-process caselaw.

Claim 15 is rejected as the members of Tadamoto are of similar dimension.

Claims 16, 17, 19, 21, 22 and 24-26 are rejected as above.

Claims 8, 10, 11, 18, 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

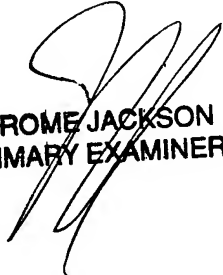
Applicant's arguments with respect to all the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Jackson Jr. whose telephone number is 571 272 1730. The examiner can normally be reached on t-th 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on 571 272 1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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